

Tell Congress to protect hungry children (and LOPPW request)



Hunger Advocacy Alert and Request for Stories about Children's Safety in your Communities.

As we look ahead to a new Congress and White House administration, NOW is the time to ensure hungry children across our nation are fed.

[Click here to take action!](#)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings and peace to you as we approach a time of celebrating abundance in our lives and as we face a period of deep division in our nation. We recognize great diversity in political leanings in our ELCA, but we agree upon the need for food and safety for children.

Safety: LOPPW staff and associates continue to hear stories about children being verbally attacked and threatened in and outside of schools since the election. In particular, but not exclusively, we have heard about vulnerable populations being targeted. If you are aware of negative stories or positive ones of protecting children in your area please contact the director with them at cindyc@loppw.org

Hunger: Passing a solid Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill is tantamount for ensuring hungry children receive the food they need. Thank you for reading this message about it from our ELCA Office of Advocacy and taking action:

"The Senate Agriculture Committee released its reauthorization bill in January 2016, titled "[The Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act of 2016](#)." This legislation focuses on continuing to take positives steps toward eliminating childhood hunger in the U.S. by:

- Improving the reliability of the National School Lunch Program to ensure hungry children are fed during the school year;
- Providing flexibility for school food operators to efficiently offer meals;
- Making it easier for communities to provide meals for children in need during the summer; and
- Ensuring taxpayer dollars are put to good use by increasing efficiency in existing programs.

Please urge your members of Congress to support the Improving Child Nutrition Integrity and Access Act of 2016 today at the [ELCA Action Center!](#)"

Blessings to you during Thanksgiving. May you experience abundance and safety, and let us pray for the same for all of God's children.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Cindy